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tents of a mysterious barrel. In this case the contents were alcoholic, and the result of the test resembled the work of a small but effective dynamite cartridge. When the barrel was immediately concerned in the affair got out of hospital they will be prepared to point any moral with which the general public may choose to adorn the tale of their experiment.

## AN UNPLEASANT SUGGESTION.

We have received the following communication from a correspondent:

To the Editor:

Is not the nomination of HARRISON through the influence of the President of the New York Central Railroad, a strong indication that the Vanderbilt Railroad corporation, not content with practically owning and running the State of New York, is reaching out its grasping hands to obtain a powerful hold on the Government of the United States?

NOT A POLITICIAN.

The prominent part taken by Mr. HARRISON's nomination at Minneapolis by the representative of the Vanderbilt corporation and moneyed interests, and the fussy activity of Mr. HARRISON, F. S. KINGSLEY, one of the Vanderbilt family, on the same side, certainly seem to warrant the suggestion made by "Not a Politician."

The New York Central Railroad has for years exercised a powerful and pernicious influence in this State, and its interests have been promoted mainly through the ingenuity of its present President at the cost of the interests of the people. The farming population, as well as the city of New York, has felt the effect of its oppressive policy.

At the present moment the Vanderbilt corporation is making a strong effort to influence National legislation for the advancement of its own selfish schemes. The Harlem River improvement will add many millions to the value of property in this city, give employment to a large amount of labor and greatly advance the commercial interests of the metropolis to the advantage of the whole State. Yet the Vanderbilt corporation is seeking to stop that important improvement by inducing Congress to omit the necessary appropriation from the River and Harbor bill. The object is to close the Harlem River either by filling up the bed or by the construction of permanent railroad bridges over the stream. This would not only seriously retard the progress of the city, but would destroy a competition which the Vanderbilt railroads fear.

In this view of the matter, President DREW's activity looks bad. Yet we would not like to believe that Mr. HARRISON, if elected, would lend the influence of his Administration to advance the interests of a wealthy and overbearing corporation at the expense of the interests of the people.

## AN ELIXIR THAT ALWAYS GETS THERE.

Dr. BROWN'S SQUANDER disappeared from public view some time ago. With the handsomely hyphenated doctor went his wonderful life-prolonging elixir. For several years we struggled along the straitened, thorn-littered paths of this world without any youth-recalling draught, and we were just beginning to give the old-time alchemists the laugh for having wasted so many days and nights over their death-defying distillations, to regard FORTUNE DE LUX as a grand old Castilian fable and to label BROWN'S SQUANDER as the Cagliostro of the medical profession, when up popped a German woman, in a downtown ward of this city, with an "essence of life" at \$1 per bottle, that reaches the spot and gets in its work as effectively as anything the high priests of magic have jerked from the days of Triumvirate to the present glistening epoch of Lydia Pinkham and Mrs. Soothing Syrup Winslow.

This "essence of life" seems to be a good thing, and we don't see now how we have done without it so long. Its co-creator says it is a conflagratory brand of stomach bitters, and on her say-so we come to the conclusion that it ought to be pretty much all right. The Medical Society, jealous of the German essence's success, has had her arrested and fined \$100. This is wrong. It seems to us that it wasn't a case for the medical Society at all, but for the Excise Board.

Any man who has ever "seen" an "essence of life" by setting up the drinks knows what virtue there is in the German woman's "essence." All other elixirs vices must take off their hats and bow their heads while this particular one goes by behind the band. No matter what shape you mould it in, whether the muffled stomach bitters or the beaded cocktail, the persuasive punch or the nonchalant three-fingers straight, it fills the pulse with bounding adolescence and rolls back the years until we stand almost in the brink of babyhood again. An "essence" that gets there is not to be sneezed down. It deserves attention in the line of apotheosis. The Heliconian Fountain isn't in it with an "essence" that consists mainly of Fourth Ward whiskey that is shouting its second set of teeth.

## ALL SHOOTING BE ALIKE TO THE LAW.

It is not pleasant to see a minister of the Gospel at the bar of a police court, charged with criminal libel. Yet when a clergyman uses the license of his pulpit to slander an individual, he leaves the assailed party no remedy but the criminal courts, unless he chooses to submit patiently to the wrong and suffer such injury as may be done to his character.

No good citizen would desire to place any restraint on the exposure and denunciation of vice and immorality. But no person, either clergyman or layman, has a right to set up a standard of morality and to blacken the character of every man who may happen to fall below it.

Intemperate language is especially unbecoming in a pulpit, and there is too much reason to believe that it is frequently indulged in for sensational effect. Certainly when it is designed to degrade and injure an individual, it is in conflict with the teachings of religion as well as with the law, and ought to be checked by such penalties as the statutes impose.

## SUCH ACCIDENTS TOO COMMON.

The terrible accident at the Licking River, between Covington and Newport, Ky., which resulted in the loss of about thirty lives, was one of those calamities apparently due to gross carelessness on the part of contractors. A new iron bridge was in course of construction and a track had been run

out from the Newport pier to the heavy iron work, fifty feet above the water. It was this false work which fell, carrying down with it about ninety men. The engineer says that the accident, in his opinion, was caused by a lack of bracing in the piling, and adds: "As the water was high we were unable to get proper braces in place."

This gives the idea of a criminal disregard of human life, but as the contractors were among the killed, probably there is no one left who can be held responsible. Indeed, it is very questionable whether any one would have been punished if the contractors had escaped.

Such accidents are continually occurring and the guilty parties are seldom if ever brought to justice. Probably many hundreds of lives would be saved if contractors could be convinced that the law would be unflinchingly enforced whenever such slaughter could be traced to their own carelessness.

## "EXPERT" MEDICAL TESTIMONY.

"Expert" medical testimony in a trial is apt to be pure humbug. In scores of cases of alleged insanity or of suspected poisoning the record shows that doctors will not only differ, but that one or the other set must be made up of ignoramuses or frauds. It is sometimes impossible to conceive how a jury, after hearing the testimony of two conflicting batches of medical experts, can reach any verdict at all.

Judge PIERCE heard evidence yesterday in a suit brought by an "expert" to recover \$2,750 from the mother of young STEPHAN, who killed CLINTON G. RYAN.

The amount was a balance of \$1,000 which the doctor claimed for testing to the alleged insanity of young STEPHAN on his trial. How much confidence would the jury have had in the testimony of this expert if he had known it was to cost the prisoner's mother \$1,000?

Of what value is expert testimony when any intelligent jurymen must be aware that a fat fee can always obtain as learned opinions and as great a profusion of technical terms on one side of a case as on the other?

## NO CASE FOR CLEMENCY.

The main object of the punishment of criminals is to check crime. There is seldom any desire for revenge against a convicted offender. It is hoped that the example made of him may deter others from following in his footsteps.

It is believed that the blackmailing of law-breakers is a too common offense. It is certainly one very difficult to bring home to the guilty parties. When FINN, the blackmailing agent of Mr. GRAY'S Society, was found guilty, the prosecution remarked that it was the first conviction for the crime that had ever been secured.

Now "clemency" is being asked for the convict. If extended to him the benefit of his conviction will be lost. If to the difficulty of bringing such an offense home to the offender is added the certainty of escape from proper punishment when convicted, a license will be practically granted to all amateur policemen to make all the money they can out of their profession.

## IVES AND STAYNER TO GO FREE.

The indictments still pending against HENRY S. IVES, the "young Napoleon" of Wall street, and his associate, GEORGE H. STAYNER, are to be dismissed.

The amount for which these worthless failed reached \$16,000,000. At their trial for grand larceny and the overruns of railroad stock in 1888, the jury failed to agree, but stood ten for conviction and two for acquittal. A motion was soon after made for the dismissal of the indictments, but was denied in consequence of an indignant protest from one of the victims of the swindle.

Ives, like Francesco Warr, is now living in luxury, doubtless on the secreted proceeds of his misadventures. The dismissal of untried indictments against such men is a scandal and an insult to justice. The evidence of their former offenses ought to be kept alive if only for the purpose of exercising a restraint on their future enterprises.

## NO MOURNERS AT ITS FUNERAL.

The horrible death of a young man at Hartford last Tuesday night through contact with a murderous trolley wire affords another illustration of the danger to which the people of New York are asked to subject themselves in order that a railroad corporation may save money. The victim was burned to the bone by the dangling deadly wire, in hands, face and body, wherever it happened to touch his person. A horse was also killed.

Some genius has invented an underground trolley. Certainly the proposition to introduce the abominable and dangerous system in New York ought to be buried deep enough to destroy all fear of resurrection. The horrible tragedy at Hartford ought to induce our Aldermen and Railroad Commissioners to assist in the interment. They may rest assured that the only mourner at the grave will be the President of the Broadway Syndicate.

## THE COMBINE FIGHTS FOR DELAY.

The Reading "Combine" has commenced the policy of procrastination by which it hoped to beat off the attack made on the coal conspiracy by the Attorney-General of New Jersey. A motion to postpone the case was successful, and the July 7th was fixed for the hearing.

It is to be hoped that no further delay will be allowed. The people are being robbed daily of large amounts of money through a combination which is alleged to be in open violation of law and in defiance of the State authorities. Certainly this plunder ought not to be permitted to continue a single hour beyond the time absolutely needed to stay the hands of the plunderers.

The railroad grabbers, who ask for about twenty miles of the streets of the city free of charge for their surface roads, assure the Aldermen they do not contemplate using the deadly trolley abomination. Well, then, if they do get a franchise at all, let it prohibit the use of the trolley system in so many words.

Railroad grabbers, like cats, have sharp claws hidden under the smooth, velvety covering.

## ANOTHER \$50 CHECK.

It Is Contributed for the Sick Babies by J. H. Durland.

Read His Letter and Add Your Mite to the Fund.

The Field for Free Doctors Has Widened and Much More Money Is Needed.

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Warm friends and practical sympathy are being won for the sick babies of New York by THE EVENING WORLD's truthful accounts of the sufferings of these helpless little ones.

How these pictures of the distress of the invalid children of poverty affect even stern men of business is shown in the following letter from the President of the Mutual Savings and Distribution Fund Association, of New York and Philadelphia. Incidentally it may be mentioned that Mr. Durland's "mite" is a check for \$50:

To the Editor:

While riding over yesterday I read your touching remarks upon the sick babies. I join the army for their rescue. The wonderful achievements of to-day are performed by the children of the past, and all the weight of the future's development must be borne by the children of to-day. Let us then preserve the lives in which centres so much hope.

I trust the enclosed mite will contribute towards continuing the existence of some child, who, by living, will make the life of its parents as glad as the donor's has been made desolate by a cruel bereavement.

J. H. DURLAND,  
Philadelphia, Pa., June 14.

This is an example worthy of emulation. The more \$50 checks sent in the more good will THE EVENING WORLD's corps of free doctors be able to do. But don't hesitate to contribute because you can't afford to give as much as others who are better off for this world's goods. Send what you can spare, and rest assured that whether your gift is a dollar, a dime, or even a nickel, it will be gratefully received and will accomplish some good in this field.

The fund is growing, but vastly more money than has yet been contributed is required to carry on the work on the extensive scale mapped out for this year. Prompt assistance is asked, simply because prompt assistance alone can save some of the baby lives that are even now in jeopardy.

The hundred-dollar contributors to date are:

EVENING WORLD.....	\$100
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J. H. DURLAND.....	50

## THE NEED IS PRESSING.

There Will Be Plenty of Work for the Free Doctors This Summer.

Have you read about the effects of the heat in the tenements?

Do you know that half-fainting mothers carry their dying children into the street in order that they may, if possible, be revived by a breath of air?

The only remedy these mothers have to administer is the fetid, stifling atmosphere of crowded streets, which is shrouded like a deadly miasma by every one who can possibly avoid it.

And this air of the street, reeking with the manner of deadly exhalations, is the "veto medicine" for the dying babies.

Pass through the crowded quarters and you will see hundreds of them lying in their mothers' arms, gasping for breath.

Every mother, yes, and every father—knows the period of dread which comes with the burning days of summer; days when the child is watched from hour to hour, and almost from moment to moment, lest some quick shadow of the ready finger of Death be found in the little, pinched face.

I have heard mothers say that, at the first hot day in summer, an iron bar seems to clutch at their hearts with a grasp that they never freed until the cool breath of autumn dispelled the agony of fear in which they lived.

At the first symptom of trouble the physician is called for in haste. Rooms are darkened, the whole household is hushed, and one after another walks the floor with the little sufferer or stands by the crib, fan in hand, hope and fear alternating while the baby suffers.

Fever does not kill human nature. Mother love is the same in a 7x9 room under a blazing sky as it is in a great

city parlor, protected by thick walls from the furnace-like heat outside. Why, these poverty-stricken women look like hunted animals at bay when you talk to them about giving up their children. And you may be sure death is no more welcome a robber than you would be. They fear him and strive to elude him by every means at their command.

But what weapons have they?

Good food and pure air would help them to defeat him; but as for the first, that is not to be found in the tenements. And the food is only poor quality, but there is not even enough to satisfy more hunger.

As for what we call "the free air of heaven," you will not find that either in the tenement district. What you will find is an atmosphere so foul that it is almost certain death to breathe it constantly.

But that is precisely what the babies are obliged to do. They cannot get out to the street, even, unless they are carried there, and to return to the starting-point, that is precisely what their mothers do for them as their only preventive, or cure, of sickness.

Now, a breath of Mulberry Bend air cannot be considered, even by stretching a point a good deal, as a specific against the fumes of the body.

What these babies need is proper medicine, good treatment, and some one to see that they do not die from starvation.

That is what the free doctors will do, if you will help them. They will go up and down those stifling streets, looking after the babies, saving their lives if they can, and when that impossible, lightening their sufferings while they live.

If you saw a baby in pain you would not stand by and look on without moving a penny a day, so I think I will give it to the babies. If you read this column and still put off your contribution to the Sick Babies Fund, at least \$10,000 are needed to carry on the work this summer, and every day the need grows more pressing.

Think of the helpless little sick ones and make your donation as big as you can and as soon as you can.

## Two Good Little Chaps.

To the Editor:

I am a little boy five years old and my cousin is six. My mamma gave me and him a penny a day, so I think I will give it to the babies. We will give more when she gives us some more. Find five cents in here.

WALTER AND TANNBAUM.

## A Fellow-Feeling.

To the Editor:

Accept this mite from one that has a baby of his own who has a hard enough time of it now, in spite of otherwise pleasant surroundings.

W. A. S.

## Thanks, Very Much.

To the Editor:

Included please find 25 cents for the Sick Babies Fund. You are doing a noble work and I hope you will get a great deal of encouragement in the way of money from all who can afford it.

W. A. S.

## From His Two Boys.

To the Editor:

I send you my check for \$5 for the Sick Babies Fund as an offering from my little boys. I hope you will give it to the babies. I hope you will give it to the babies.

H. H. PAYNE.

## Kind Words and Money.